

ATTACHMENT:

**Committee on General and Housing**

Please review the provisions below that are included in the Governor’s Fiscal Year 2023 proposed Budget Adjustment bill. The explanations highlighted in yellow were provided by the Department of Finance and Management. The notes in gray are from the House Appropriations Committee.

**Sec. 1** 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriated from the General Fund for new and ongoing initiatives as follows:

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(26) \$1,734,000 to the Agency of Digital Services to be used as state match for a US Geological Survey (USGS) Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) grant.

**EXPLANATION:** Approximately every 8 years the USGS offers cooperative agreement opportunities for states to update their imagery and account for changes in landscape. This grant will support the state’s LIDAR program which is essential to updating and maintaining the state’s tax mapping efforts.

**NOTE:** The committees on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Committee on Environment and Energy is also reviewing this section.

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(31) \$3,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families Office of Economic Opportunity for the CARES Housing Voucher Program.

**EXPLANATION:** Replicates the CARES Housing Voucher Program to re-house families experiencing homelessness by providing bridge funds for temporary rental assistance for families not on Reach Up. This program was previously 100% federally funded and this appropriation continues these services.

**NOTE:** The Committee on Human Services is also reviewing this section.

(32) \$5,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community Development as additional support for the Vermont Housing Improvement Program (VHIP).

EXPLANATION: Additional funding to support grants up to \$50K per unit for repairs needed to bring vacant rental units up to Vermont Rental Housing Health Code guidelines, add new units to an existing building, or create an accessory dwelling unit on an owner-occupied property.

NOTE: The Committee on Commerce and Economic Development is also reviewing this section.

Sec. 4 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are transferred from the funds indicated:

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(10) From the General Fund to the Cannabis Regulation Fund (21998): \$540,311

NOTE: The Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs are also reviewing this section.

Sec. 6 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.100 is amended to read:

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(g) the establishment of the following exempt limited-service positions is authorized in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026.

(1) Truth and Reconciliation Commission

(A) Three Commissioners.

EXPLANATION: Technical corrections to provide position creation language that was inadvertently omitted from Act 128.

**Sec. 24** 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

Sec. 3. MANUFACTURED HOME IMPROVEMENT AND REPLACEMENT  
PROGRAM

Of the amounts available from ~~federal COVID-19 relief~~ the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) recovery funds, the following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purposes specified:

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**EXPLANATION:** Technical amendment to replace the general reference with the actual fund source used for the subsequent appropriations. This adjustment effectuates the changes expressed in the June 30, 2022 Statement of Legislative Intent's Act 182 Section 3 paragraph (pp. 6 of 7).

**Sec. 26** 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 16(b)(1) is amended to read:

(1) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(d); ~~in~~ in fiscal year 2023, the amount of \$15,000,000.00 is appropriated from the Education Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to create and administer the CTE Construction and Rehabilitation Experiential Learning Program and Revolving Loan Fund pursuant to this section

**EXPLANATION:** Language necessary to implement the use of Education Funds without repealing the education property tax. This adjustment effectuates the changes expressed in the June 30, 2022 Statement of Legislative Intent's Act 183 Section 16 paragraph (pp. 6 of 7).

**NOTE:** The Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Education are also reviewing this section.